

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 11-13 are pending in the above-identified application.

Allowable Claims

Claims 10 and 11 were indicated as being in allowable form. Claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 1 so as to place claim 1 in to allowable form, along with all of the other pending claims 2, 4, 5 and 11-12 which all depend from claim 1.

Removal Issues under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-9, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato '150 (US 2002/0065150).

The basis for the above-noted rejection has been withdrawn upon the incorporation of the allowable subject matter of claim 10 into claim 1. Consequently, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is submitted for the reasons above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed in condition for allowance.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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